

# Student Handbook

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## Welcome to Sonseekers ...

#### Dear Parents

Welcome to Sonseekers, a Sunday School Program designed to give children a sound background in Biblical events, people and places. We trust that you, and your child, are blessed by participation in this program.

The curriculum has been produced by over 100 people who have voluntarily given of their time and talents to write, draw and create activities, as well as to edit, review and proof-read. We deeply appreciate the commitment and love shown by all who have contributed to this project. The benefit and blessing to children, as they learn about God's life and love, is a testimony to their faithfulness.

However, the real key to children knowing God as their Father lies with their families. As parents train their children in God's way, they begin to experience the reality of the Father's love for themselves.

The Sonseekers program is designed to support and encourage family life and order. The Student Handbook is a feature of the program, offering follow up activities and daily devotions, which you may wish to use in your own family devotions.

May God bless and guide you as you share the Lord's life with your child.

If you wish to know more about the Sonseekers program, please contact the publishers on the numbers listed.

Yours in Christ

The Sonseekers Team

# A note to parents about the Sonseekers materials . . .

## **Timeline**

	Creation
4000BC	Adam and Eve
1000020	The Fall
2500BC	Noah
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	Tower of Babel
2000BC	Abraham
1900BC	Isaac
1800BC	Esau and Jacob
1750BC	Joseph
1360BC	Moses
1280BC	Exodus from Egypt
	and Journeys
	Joshua
1240BC	Entry into and
	Conquest of Land
1220BC	Judges
1100BC	Gideon
1070BC	Samson
1063BC	Samuel
1020BC	Saul as King
980BC	David as King
940BC	Solomon as King
900BC	Kingdom Divided
839BC	Elijah Emerges; Mt Carmel
	Jehoshaphat
814BC	Elisha's Ministry
749BC	Jonah
662BC	Hezekiah; Isaiah
576BC	Josiah
540BC	Daniel taken to Babylon
527BC	Exile into Babylon
457BC	Restoration from Babylon
4BC	Birth of Jesus
26AD	Baptism of Jesus
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SUAD	Raising of Lazarus Parahles
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	Resurrection
	Day of Pentecost
	Peter's Ministry
33AD	Conversion of Paul
45AD	Paul's Missionary Journeys
60AD	Paul as Prisoner to Rome

## What are the Sonseekers materials?

The Sonseekers Sunday School materials are a four year course of 128 Bible lessons. The lessons are written with the twin aims of teaching the students an accurate chronology of Biblical events and also drawing from each lesson pastoral points relevant to the age and stage of each child. They are written at four levels to cover from Prep to Year 6 age groups. The 128 lessons are organised into 8 units, each of sixteen lessons. The table below indicates the suitable age group for each level:

Sonseekers Level	Student Age	School Level
Level One	5 - 6	Prep, Year 1
Level Two	7 - 10	Year 2, Year 3, Year 4
Level Three	11 - 12 +	Year 5, Year 6

## What's in my Sonseekers Level Three Student Handbook?

Each Level Three Student Handbook contains sixteen homework activities and sixteen "My Own Page" sections, relevant for the age of your child.

Each homework activity page comprises:

- the title of the lesson;
- the Bible reference for each lesson;
- an activity related to some aspect of the lesson;
- the memory verse to be learnt from the lesson.

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## . . . note to parents . . .

## How do I help my child use the Student's Handbook?

The following suggestions are then made with regard to using the book.

## After each lesson

- Make sure that your child learns the memory verse from the lesson.
- Have the child read the Bible passage for the lesson again or read it to him/her. The reference is provided in the header on the homework activity page. All Scripture references are taken from the New King James Version (1983 edition).
- Discuss the story with the child and ask them what they learnt from the story.
- Link the activity that the teacher used to the story so that the significance of the activity is clear to the students.
- Set regular times each week for the child to complete the homework activity and daily devotions.
- Give your child as much help and encouragement as they need to complete these tasks. This is an opportunity to fellowship in the word of God with your child!
- Ensure that your child brings the handbook to class so that the teacher can check the homework and mark the following week's memory verse.
- Encourage your child to read ahead for the next lesson.

## May God bless you and guide you as parents as you help your children in this way!

# Jacob becomes Israel

Your teacher was very tired when this homework sheet was written and quite a few mistakes were made.



"For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved" (Genesis 32:30).
"And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us." (Luke 11:4).



## **Jacob and Esau**

## **Daily Devotions**

## Monday

Genesis 32:1-8. Jacob was afraid. What did he do?

## Tuesday

Genesis 32:9-12. What was it God had said to Jacob that gave him confidence when he prayed?

## Wednesday

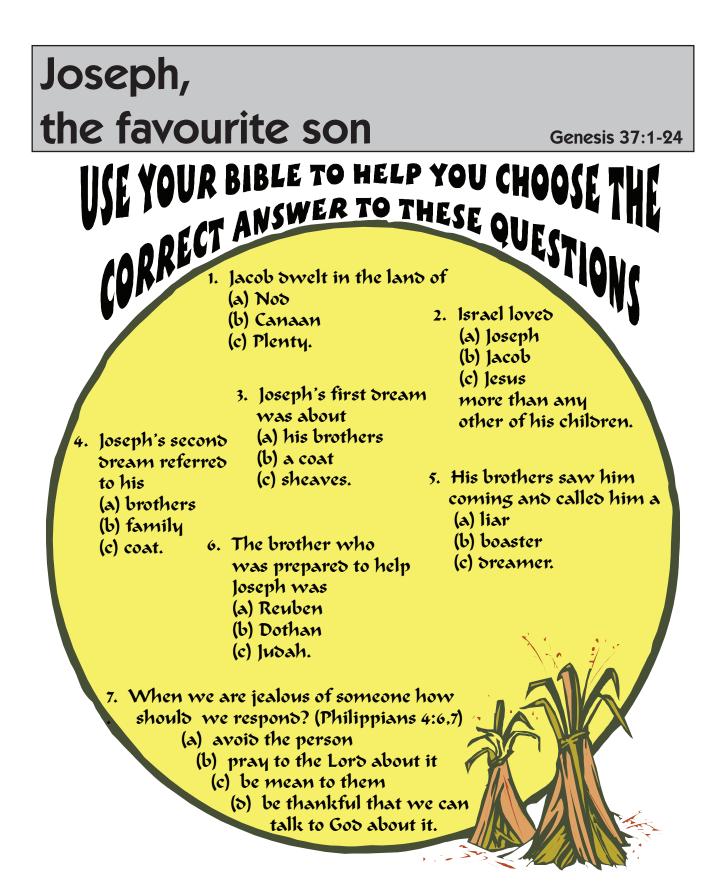
Genesis 32:22-31. What new name did God give to Jacob? What does it mean?

### Thursday

Genesis 33:1-4. How did Esau respond when he met his brother?

### Friday

1 John 4:17-21. If we say we love God how must we respond to our brother?



"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up." (James 4:10).
"For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing will be there." (James 3:16).



# Joseph and his brothers

## **Daily Devotions**

## Monday

Genesis 37:1-4. Israel's love of Joseph made it hard for his other sons. What was the gift Joseph received from his father that made things worse?

## Tuesday

Genesis 37:5-11. Because the brothers were unable to forgive in the first place, what had happened to them now?

## Wednesday

Genesis 37:12-22. Which of Joseph's brothers foiled the plan to kill him?

## Thursday

Genesis 37:23-28. Where did the Midianite traders take Joseph?

## Friday

Genesis 37:29-36. How did the brothers trick Israel into thinking Joseph was dead?

## Joseph goes to Egypt 37:25-36; 39 Think of something that has recently happened to you, maybe at school, church or home. that you felt was unfair. Writeit down and bonestly say how you reacted Did you get angry, cry, hit someone back. tell lies or sulk?

Now read Genesis 39:20-23 and see how Joseph behaved, always trusting God even when he didn't understand why these things were happening.

Write down the memory ierse that encourages you, either Proverbs 16:7 or Psalm 41:11.

Remember, God has promised to be with you and ask Him to help you nept time you are unfairly treated

## **Memory Verse**



Genesis

# Joseph in Egypt

## **Daily Devotions**

## Monday

Genesis 39:1-6. Although Joseph was a slave, how did God bless Him?

## Tuesday

Genesis 39:7-10. What was Joseph's answer to the suggestions made by Potiphar's wife?

## Wednesday

Genesis 39:11-18. How did Joseph escape the advances of Potiphar's wife?

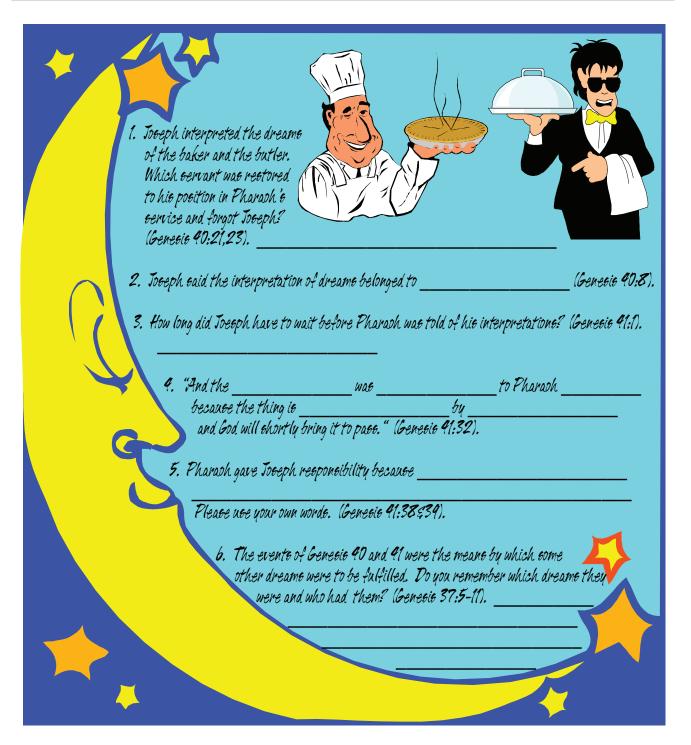
## Thursday

Genesis 39:19-20. Although innocent, what happened to Joseph?

## Friday

Genesis 39:21-23. How did God prosper Joseph in prison?

# Joseph interprets the dreams



"The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" (Hebrews 13:6).
"Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass." (Psalm 37:5).



# - Joseph Prime Minister of Egypt

## **Daily Devotions**

## Monday

Genesis 40:1-8. What happened to the butler and the baker while in prison with Joseph?

## Tuesday

Genesis 40:9-23. What did Joseph ask the butler to do for him?

## Wednesday

Genesis 41:1-13. What made the butler remember Joseph?

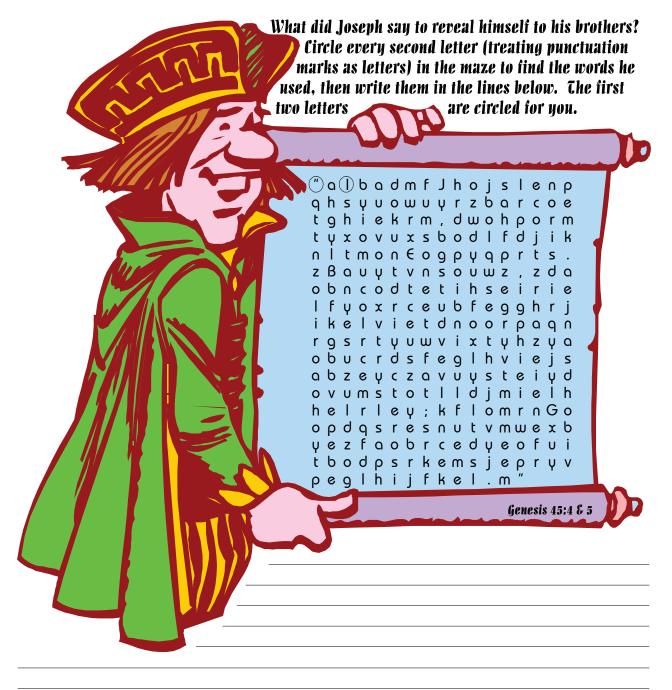
## Thursday

Genesis 41:25-36. How did Joseph advise Pharaoh to act when the dream had been interpreted?

## Friday

Genesis 41:37-45. Why did Pharaoh choose Joseph to be in charge of the land of Egypt?

## Joseph's brothers



## Memory Verse

"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in<br/>Christ forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32).#"For the word of the Lord is right, and all His work is done in truth." (Psalm 33:4).



# Joseph restored to his brothers

## **Daily Devotions**

## Monday

Genesis 42:1-13. Who did Israel's sons bow down to in Egypt?

## Tuesday

Genesis 42:14-26. How did Joseph's brothers feel when Simeon had to stay in prison?

## Wednesday

Genesis 42:27-38. What happened when the brothers opened their grain sacks?

## Thursday

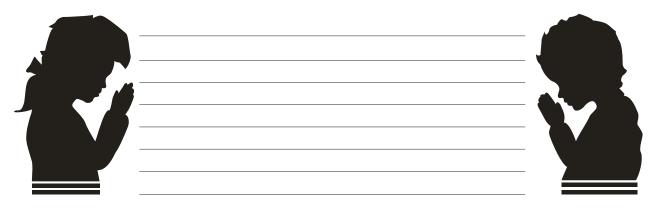
Genesis 43:1-14. What gifts did Israel send to Joseph?

## Friday

Genesis 45:1-11. How did Joseph show he had forgiven his brothers?



## Write down some of the situations you are praying for.



## Trust God that He knows best and pray for each member of your family.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go." (Psalm 32:8).
"Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name." (Psalm 86:11).



# Israel's family restored

## **Daily Devotions**

## Monday

Genesis 46:1-7. What was the first thing Israel did when he set out for Egypt?

## Tuesday

Genesis 47:1-10. What was Jacob's response to Pharaoh?

## Wednesday

Genesis 47:11-19. What did the people do when they ran out of money?

## Thursday

Genesis 48:8-16. What blessing did Israel bring to Joseph's sons?

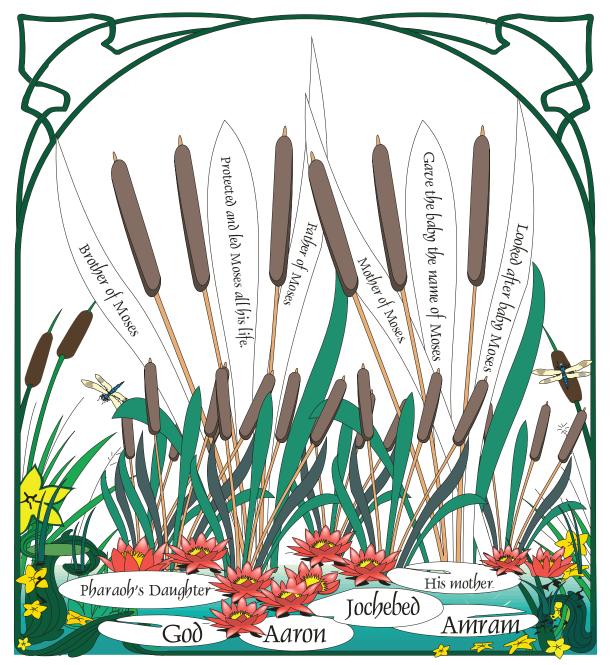
## Friday

Psalm 1. How does God's blessing come to the righteous man?

# Israelite slaves, Moses born

Genesis 32 & 33

Using your colouring pencils, colour the statement and the person who said it in the same colour. Use six different colours.



"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord." (Jeremiah 17:7).	
"He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations." (Deuteronomy 7:9).	



# Egypt afflicts the Hebrews

## **Daily Devotions**

## Monday

Exodus 1:8-14. What action did the king of Egypt take to defend Egypt against the Hebrews?

## Tuesday

Exodus 1:15-22. How did Pharaoh plan to stop the Hebrews increasing in numbers?

## Wednesday

Exodus 2:1-4. How did one Hebrew mother try to save her son?

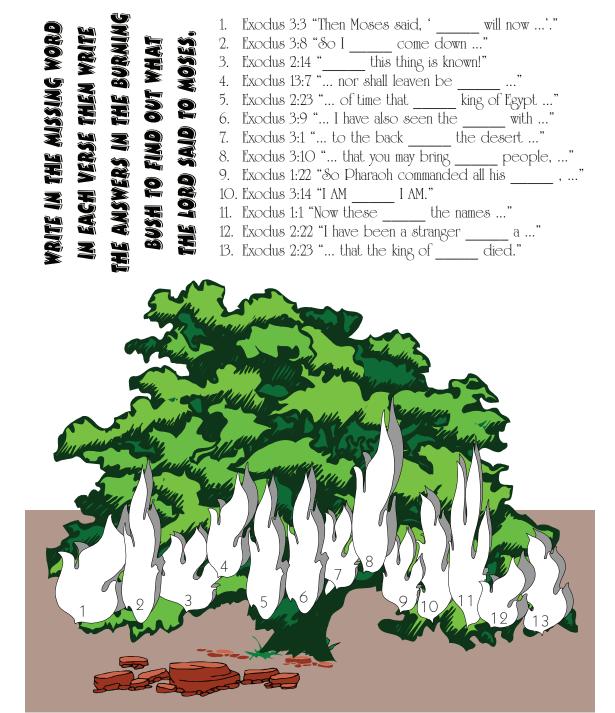
## Thursday

Exodus 2:5-10. What name did Pharaoh's daughter give to the boy she found in the basket on the water?

## Friday

Exodus 2:11-15. How did Moses try to help his fellow Hebrews?

# Moses flees and returns to Egypt



"'The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped." (Psalm 28:7).	Ę
"I will hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people." (Psalm 85:8).	



# God calls Moses

## **Daily Devotions**

## Monday

Exodus 2:16-22. How was Moses' kindness rewarded?

## Tuesday

Exodus 2:23-25. What did God remember when He heard the cry of the Hebrews?

## Wednesday

Exodus 3:1-10. What did God want Moses to do?

## Thursday

Exodus 3:11-14. How did Moses respond to God's call?

### Friday

Exodus 4:27-31. When the Hebrews believed God had sent a deliverer, what was their response?

## "Let My people go"

Exodus 5 - 11

Find the mistakes in these newspaper reports and re-write them accurately.

# Egyptian Times

# PLAGUES PLAGUE EGYPT

River Drips Blood River turns to blood! Aaron said to Moses to stretch out his rod over the waters of Israel.

The fish loved the blood. Pharaoh's magicians could do the same, so Pharaoh's heart was softened toward Israel.

## Tadpoles and More Tadpoles

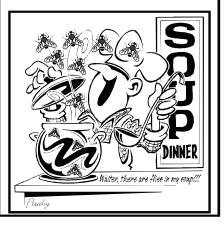
Tadpoles came on Pharaoh, his people and all his servants. Pharaoh's magicians could not do this. Pharaoh said that if the Lord would take away the tadpoles he would let the people go and sacrifice to the Lord. When the tadpoles had all died, Pharaoh changed his mind.

## You Scratch My Back and I'll Scratch Yours!

The lice came from the dust of the land. There were lice on man and beast. The magicians brought lice. Pharaoh's heart grew hard.

## Louie Flies Again!

The Egyptian houses were full of flies. The ground was covered with flies. The Israelites had only a few flies. Moses wanted to go three weeks journey to sacrifice. When the flies left Pharaoh hardened his heart.



<i>"Keep my soul, and deliver me; let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You." (Psalm 25:20).</i>
"The word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him." (2 Samuel 22:31).



## Hard hearts

## **Daily Devotions**

## Monday

Exodus 7:1-5. Who made Pharaoh's heart hard?

#### Tuesday

Mark 3:1-5. What did the Pharisees' hardness of heart do to Jesus?

## Wednesday

Ephesians 4:17-19. What is the result if we harden our heart?

### Thursday

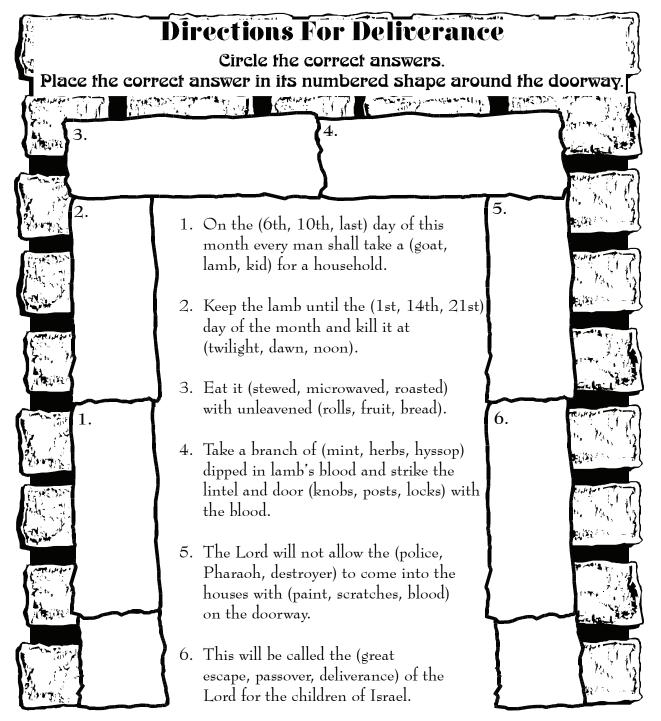
Hebrews 3:7-11. It is not easy to soften a hard heart. What stops the hardness from happening?

## Friday

2 Chronicles 36:11-13. Jeremiah encouraged young Zedekiah to seek the Lord but what did Zedekiah do?

# The first passover, Israel delivered

Exodus 12



"Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you." (Jeremiah 7:23).	E. y
"Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you." (Isaiah 41:10).	



# Saved by the blood of the Lamb

## **Daily Devotions**

## Monday

Exodus 12:1-7,12,13. What would God do when He saw the blood on the doorpost?

## Tuesday

1 Peter 1:18-19. We are redeemed not with silver or gold but with ...

## Wednesday

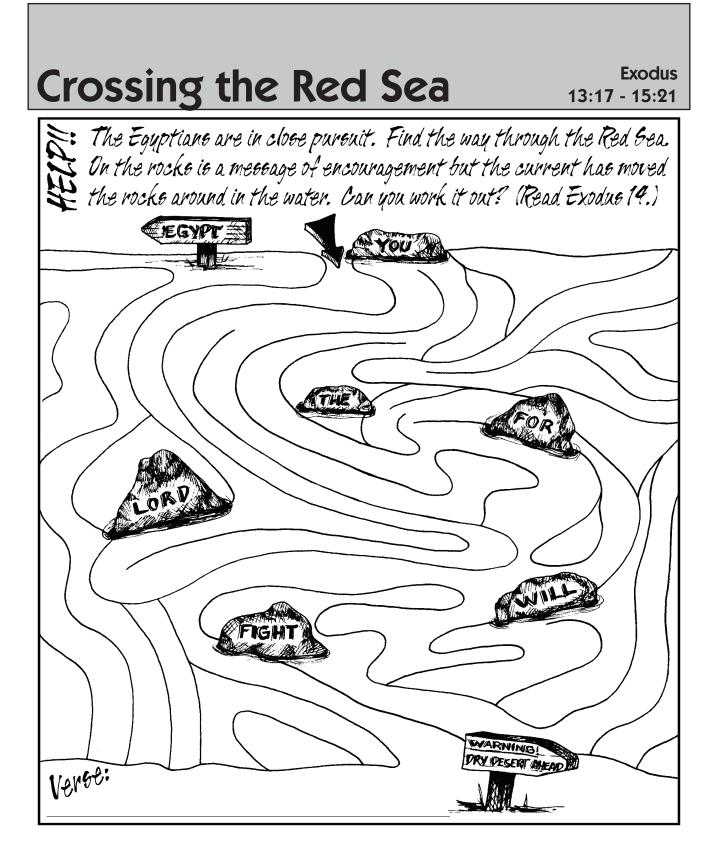
Hebrews 9:11-12. What blood did Jesus use when He entered the most holy place?

### Thursday

Hebrews 9:13-14. What does Jesus' blood purge or make clean?

### Friday

1 John 1:7. If we walk in the light, what does the blood of Jesus do?



"You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore." (Psalm 16:11).	E
<i>"And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord; it shall rejoice in His salvation." (Psalm 35:9).</i>	



# God is a mighty deliverer

## **Daily Devotions**

## Monday

Exodus 14:10-14. The people were afraid but what was God's word to them?

## Tuesday

2 Timothy 3:10-11. What was Paul delivered from?

## Wednesday

2 Timothy 4:18. What will God deliver Paul from?

## Thursday

Colossians 1:13-14. What are we delivered from?

## Friday

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10. What does Jesus deliver us from?

# Manna, water from the rock



There's a wonderful promise for us in Philippians 4:19. Write it on these lines

"And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19).	
<i>"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name."</i> ( <i>Psalm 92:1</i> ).	



# Not being content

## **Daily Devotions**

## Monday

Exodus 16:1-3. What were the people complaining about here?

## Tuesday

Exodus 17:1-2. Who did the people contend with beside Moses?

## Wednesday

Psalm 106:24-27. What happened to the Israelites as a result of their murmurings?

## Thursday

John 6:41-43. Why did the Jews murmur against Jesus?

## Friday

Genesis 19:15-26. What was the penalty Lot's wife paid for looking back?

# Sinai and the ten commandments

## HERE ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT WORDS IN GOD'S TEN LAWS. **CAN YOU FILL IN THE BLANKS?**

1. Have no	6. Do not
Gods. 2. Do not make any 	7. Do not commit (impurity). 8. Do not
(idols). 3. Do not take the of the Lord in vain.	9. Do not
4. Remember the	(tell lies). 10. Do not
day. 5. Honour your	(want) anything belonging to
and your	others.
Can we heaven just by keeping H	get to is law? (Galatians 3:26)

<i>"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God." (Romans 8:14).</i>	E PONIT FORGET
"I will hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people." (Psalm 85:8).	

# Fulfilling God's law

## **Daily Devotions**

## Monday

Exodus 19:5-6. What did the Lord promise that the children of Israel would be if they would obey His voice and keep His commandment?

## Tuesday

Romans 8:1-4. How are we set free from the condemnation of law?

## Wednesday

John 13:33-35. How do we know that we are the Lord's disciples?

## Thursday

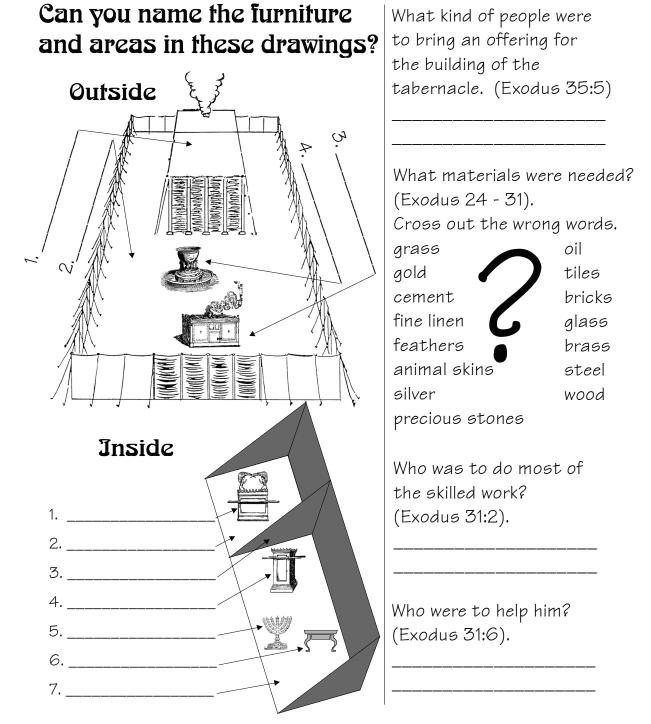
John 14:15-17. The Lord does not expect us to keep His commandment in our own strength. What is the name of the Helper that the Father gives us?

## Friday

Ephesians 6:1-3. What promise did the Lord make to all children in His commandment to them?

# Moses and the tabernacle

Exodus 24 - 30



"Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:17).	
"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:24).	



# A willing offering

## **Daily Devotions**

## Monday

Exodus 25:8-9. What did God ask His people to make for Him, and for what purpose?

## Tuesday

Exodus 35:4-9; 35:21. What did God require of His people in order to build the tabernacle?

## Wednesday

1 Corinthians 3:16-17. The tabernacle which Moses built no longer exists. Where does God dwell today?

## Thursday

Romans 12:1. Instead of brining an offering of precious objects as the Israelites did, what offering does God ask for us today?

## Friday

Ephesians 5:25-29. Who made an offering so the church could be set apart and clean?

# The golden calf

Exodus 32

## FILL IN THE BLANKS IN THIS STORY:

## FIND THE EIGHT MISTAKES IN THIS STORY:

When Moses came down from the mountain and saw the people dancing around the golden horse, he was very happy. We angrily threw down the four pieces of stone on which God had written the law. They were not smashed to pieces. Then he rushed into the camp, broke up the idol into tiny pieces and scattered them on milk which he made the people drink. Aaron blamed the king for what had happened and gave some weak excuses to try to show it was not his fault. Then Moses sat at the gate of the camp and sternly called out, "Who is on the Lord's side? Let him come to me." The sons of Levi went to Moses, so he sent them through the bush to kill many who had sinned.

## Memory Verse

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5).
"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." (James 5:16).



# Idols

## **Daily Devotions**

## Monday

Exodus 32:1-4. What did God's people ask of Aaron when they grew tired of waiting for Moses to return?

## Tuesday

Exodus 20:1-6. What is God's attitude to idols or other gods?

## Wednesday

1 John 5:18-21. What is John's word to us about idols?

## Thursday

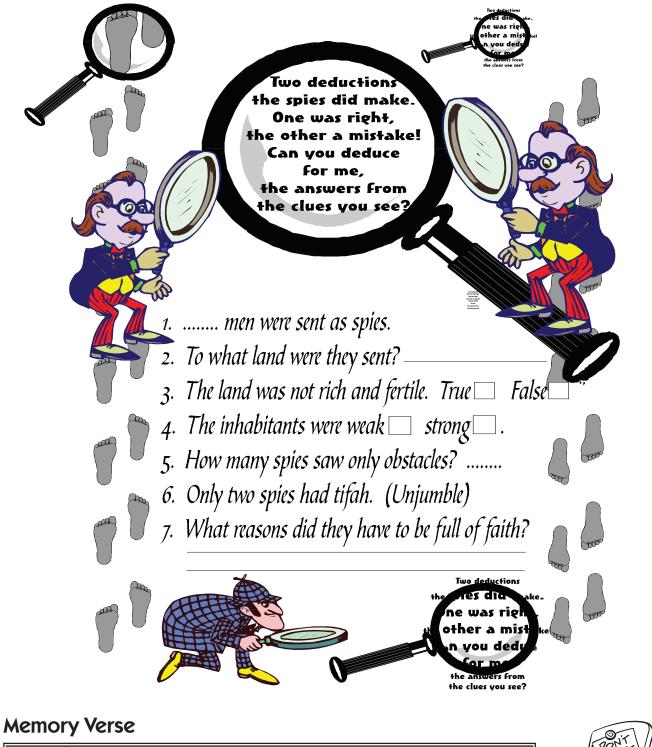
Psalm 96:1-6. Other gods are idols. How do we honour the true God?

## Friday

Psalm 97:7-9. What happens to those who boast of idols?

# Twelve spies, 40 years of wandering

Numbers 13 - 14:10



"If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." (Mark 9:23).	E 600
<i>"For You, O God, have tested us; You have refined us as silver is refined."</i> <i>(Psalm 66:10).</i>	A A



# Faith

## **Daily Devotions**

## Monday

Numbers 13:17-20,30. Caleb was a man of faith. What was he wanting to do?

## Tuesday

Luke 17:1-6. What did the apostles say to Jesus when He spoke about forgiving others?

## Wednesday

1 Cor 13:13. What three things abide (that means do not fail)?

## Thursday

James 5:13-15. What will result from the prayer of faith?

### Friday

1 Peter 1:6-9. What do we have from God that is more precious than gold?

# **Sonseekers Curriculum**

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<ol> <li>Creation 1</li> <li>Creation 2</li> <li>Adam and Eve</li> <li>The fall</li> <li>Cain and Abel</li> <li>Noah builds an ark</li> <li>The flood, Noah and his sons</li> <li>The tower of Babel</li> <li>Abram called, Abram and Lot</li> <li>The covenant with Abraham</li> <li>Ishmael and Isaac</li> <li>Sodom and Gomorrah</li> <li>The sacrifice of Isaac</li> <li>Rebekah, Isaac's bride</li> <li>Jacob and Esau</li> <li>Jacob's ladder, Leah and Rachel</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Jacob becomes Israel</li> <li>Joseph, the favourite son</li> <li>Joseph goes to Egypt</li> <li>Joseph interprets the dreams</li> <li>Joseph's brothers</li> <li>Israel in Egypt</li> <li>Israelite slaves, Moses born</li> <li>Moses flees and returns to Egypt</li> <li>"Let My people go"</li> <li>The first passover, Israel delivered</li> <li>Crossing the Red Sea</li> <li>Manna, water from the rock</li> <li>Sinai and the ten commandments</li> <li>Moses and the tabernacle</li> <li>The golden calf</li> <li>Twelve spies, 40 years of wandering</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>33. Aaron's rod</li> <li>34. Moses hits the rock</li> <li>35. The bronze serpent</li> <li>36. Balaam and his donkey</li> <li>37. Joshua and Rahab</li> <li>38. Crossing the Jordan, Jericho</li> <li>39. The sin of Achan</li> <li>40. The sun stands still</li> <li>41. Gideon's fleece</li> <li>42. Gideon and his army</li> <li>43. Samson</li> <li>44. Samson and Delilah</li> <li>45. Ruth, Naomi and Boaz</li> <li>46. Hannah</li> <li>47. Samuel hears God speak</li> <li>48. Eli, Hophni and Phinehas</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>49. Saul chosen</li> <li>50. Saul and the Amalekites</li> <li>51. David chosen</li> <li>52. David and Goliath</li> <li>53. David and Jonathan</li> <li>54. David and Saul</li> <li>55. David crowned</li> <li>56. David and the ark</li> <li>57. Absalom</li> <li>58. Solomon becomes king</li> <li>59. Solomon's temple</li> <li>60. Israel divided, Rehoboam and Jeroboam</li> <li>61. Elijah and the widow</li> <li>62. Elijah on Mount Carmel</li> <li>63. Good King Jehoshaphat</li> <li>64. Elisha and the double portion</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Unit Five</li> <li>65. The widow's oil, a boy raised</li> <li>66. Naaman</li> <li>67. Famine in Samaria</li> <li>68. Jonah</li> <li>69. The captivity of Israel (the northern kingdom)</li> <li>70. Hezekiah and Sennacherib</li> <li>71. Isaiah</li> <li>72. Josiah</li> <li>73. Jeremiah</li> <li>74. The captivity of Judah (the southern kingdom)</li> <li>75. Daniel interprets the king's dream</li> <li>76. The fiery furnace</li> <li>77. The writing on the wall</li> <li>78. Daniel in the lions' den</li> <li>79. Esther</li> <li>80. Restoration</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Unit Six</li> <li>81. Zacharias, Elizabeth, Mary and John</li> <li>82. The birth of Jesus</li> <li>83. Jesus in the temple</li> <li>84. John the Baptist</li> <li>85. Jesus baptised and tempted</li> <li>86. The call of the disciples</li> <li>87. Water turned to wine</li> <li>88. The temple cleansed, Nicodemus</li> <li>89. The woman at the well</li> <li>90. Healing of the paralysed man</li> <li>91. The house built on the rock</li> <li>92. Jesus stills the storm</li> <li>93. The feeding of the 5000</li> <li>94. The centurion's servant</li> <li>95. Forgiveness in Simon's house</li> <li>96. The sower and the seed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>97. Jairus' daughter, a woman touches Jesus</li> <li>98. Jesus walks on the water</li> <li>99. Miracles of healing</li> <li>100. The transfiguration</li> <li>101. A boy is healed</li> <li>102. The unmerciful servant</li> <li>103. A man born blind</li> <li>104. The good Samaritan</li> <li>105. Prayer</li> <li>106. The raising of Lazarus</li> <li>107. The lost sheep, coin and son</li> <li>108. Attitudes of a servant</li> <li>109. The marriage of the king's son</li> <li>110. The ten lepers</li> <li>111. The ten virgins</li> <li>112. The talents</li> </ul>	Unit Eight 113. Palm Sunday 114. The last supper and Gethsemane 115. The crucifixion 116. The resurrection 117. Peter restored 118. The risen Christ and His ascension 119. The day of Pentecost 120. Peter and John 121. Peter and the Gentiles 122. Stephen 123. Philip 124. Paul's conversion 125. Paul's first missionary journey 126. Paul's second and third missionary journeys 127. Paul's capture and imprisonment 128. Paul's final journey

